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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 1)

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SUBJECT: UNEVACUATED KOREANS IN SAIGON

1. AFTERNOON OF APRIL 30 FONMIN KIM TONG-CHO
TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR TO ASK FOR HELP IN EVACUATING
NINE KOREAN DIPLOMATS AND ABOUT 130 KOREAN RESIDENTS
WHO STILL LEFT IN SAIGON.

2. ACCORDING TO FONMIN AND OTHER MOFA OFFICIALS,
MOFA HAD JUST RECEIVED MESSAGE SENT APRIL 30 THROUGH
JAPANESE CHANNELS FROM ROK MINISTER IN SAIGON,
YI TAE-YONG. YI REPORTED THAT EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS
AND KOREAN RESIDENTS IN SAIGON HAD, AS INSTRUCTED,
GATHERED APRIL 29 AT AMERICAN EMBASSY FOR EVACUATION.
FOR SOME REASON NOT EXPLAINED IN YI'S MESSAGE, YI, EIGHT OTHER
EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS, AND 130 KOREAN RESIDENTS LEFT
BEHIND. (WE HAVE HAD MESSAGE FROM USS HANCOCK
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THAT ROK AMBASSADOR AND CERTAIN OTHER EMBASSY STAFF

MEMBERS EVACUATED AND ON BOARD). YI SAID THAT KOREANS WHO LEFT BEHIND ARE NOW IN KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND ARE TRYING TO SEEK REFUGE IN JAPANESE AND FRENCH EMBASSIES.

3. FONMIN SAID THAT IT IS IN TOUCH WITH FRENCH AND JAPANESE EMBASSIES IN SEOUL ON QUESTION OF PROVIDING REFUGE IN SAIGON. AT SAME TIME, FONMIN REQUESTS THAT USG DO WHAT IT CAN TO EVACUATE THOSE KOREANS LEFT BEHIND.
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